

(2) Each standing committee shall consist of **seven** councillors.

(3) No councillor shall be a member of more than one standing committee at the same time.

(4) The mayor shall **ex-officio** be a member of the standing committee for public health and the standing committee for works.

(5) The corporation shall at its first meeting after the general elections and at its first meeting in the same month in each succeeding year elect by a majority of votes of the members present and voting, out of its own body, the members of the standing committees.

(6) The term of office of the members of each standing committee shall be one year from the date of their election and a person shall cease to be a member of the standing committee if he ceases to be a councillor.

(7) If a member of the standing committee absents himself without permission of the standing committee for two consecutive meetings of the standing committee he shall cease to be a member.

(8) If any vacancy occurs in the office of the member of a standing committee by non-acceptance of the office by a councillor elected as a member or by death or by resignation of a member or such member becoming incapable of acting as a member previous to the expiry of his term, or by his ceasing to be a councillor, the corporation shall after the occurrence of such vacancy elect one of its councillors to fill such vacancy and every such member so elected shall continue in office so long only as the person in whose place he is elected would have held office if such vacancy had not occurred.

(9) A member of the standing committee may resign his office at any time by notice in writing addressed to the chairman of the standing committee and delivered to him and such resignation shall take effect from the date on which it is delivered.

16. Chairmen of the standing committees.—(1) The deputy mayor shall **ex-officio** be the chairman of the standing committee for taxation and finance.

(2) The standing committee for public health and the standing committee for works shall, at their first meeting after the members are elected, elect by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting one of its own members to be the chairman of each such committee.

(3) The chairman shall hold office until his successor is elected but shall be eligible for reappointment.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (3) the chairman shall vacate his office as soon as he ceases to be a member of the standing committee.

(5) If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of the chairman, the standing committee concerned after the occurrence of such vacancy, shall elect one of its members to fill such vacancy and every person so elected shall continue in office so long only as the person in whose place he is elected would have held office if such vacancy had not occurred.

17. Construction of references to standing committees and chairman.—(1) Whenever in this Act the expression "standing committee" occurs it shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to refer to the particular standing committee, to which the power or duty in connection with which the expression is used is assigned by or under this Act, and all references to the standing committee in any other law shall be construed as reference to the particular standing committee to which the power or duty, is conferred or imposed by such law.

(2) Any reference made to a "chairman" of the standing committee by or under this Act or under any other law shall be construed as a reference to the chairman of the particular standing committee to which the power or